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1. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR LIBSCH HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT QUITE A FEW COUNTRIES HAVE RECEIVED NOTES FROM OAU WITH REGARD RHODESIAN SANCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE QUOTED IN REFTELS. HE SAID SWISS, GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED REPLY TO OAU THAT INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE WILL ONLY BE SUBMITTED TO UN COMMITTEE ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS. HE ADDED THAT JAPANESE ON OTHER HAND HAVE GIVEN OAU A VERY GENERAL WRITTEN RESPONSE AND HAVE PROVIDED SOME DETAILS ORALLY.

2. AMBASSADOR LIBSCH WAS INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING USG'S PROCEDURAL INTENTIONS.

3. BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES HERE SAY THEIR FOREIGN
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TO THESE NOTES. BRITISH COUNSELOR ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IN NO HURRY TO RESPOND AND THAT HIS EMBASSY HAS ALREADY INFORMALLY MENTIONED TO OAU THAT MATERIAL ON BRITISH REACTION TO RHODESIAN SANCTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN ANNUAL REPORTS OF UN RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE EASY FOR USG TO TAKE LINE SIMILAR TO THAT ADOPTED BY SWISS, GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS IN ITS REPLY TO OAU. SUCH APPROACH WOULD HAVE MERIT OF CONSERVING TIME AND EFFORT. ON OTHER HAND, USG HAS CLEAR OPPORTUNITY IF IT WISHES TO APPEAR MORE FORTHCOMING THAN SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OAU. IN LIGHT EXCELLENT US RECORD ON OBSERVANCE OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS. EXCEPT FOR WELL KNOWN CHROME ISSUE, EMBASSY RECOMMEND THIS MORE FORTHCOMING APPROACH.
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